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Re: Draft EIS of the Western Oregon Plan Revisions

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To: Western Oregon BLM;

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The Bush Administration's proposal (WOPR) is designed to remove protection for BLM-administered public forests. This is wrong.

I've hiked and back-packed these areas for over 30 years and understand the terrain and the value of pristine forests. And I've seen the devastation after logging areas that should never have been touched.

I could cite many reasons, in detail, for eliminating clear-cutting in general, and specifically, our old-growth and mature older trees - the destruction of fish, wildlife and plant habitats, disturbance of our ecosystem, global warming, additional fire danger, diminished quality of human recreational activities and general peace and tranquility found only in an uncut forested environment.

But... In view of the fact and reality that our next World Crisis will be lack of adequate, potable water, how can cutting any more of our old-growth trees, which store and process thousands of gallons of water even be contemplated? It seems to me, that this issue, alone, would be incentive and reason enough to halt decimation of what little we have left of our old-growth forests.

We need permanent protection for our mature forests - for all the above reasons and to ensure this legacy for future generations. If we don't take care of our environment and our earth we may lose not only our quality of life - but life itself. Please make good decisions for the future.

Sincerely,

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To: BLM - Western OR Plan Revisions etc.

I am against the western Oregon Plan Revision which will undo protections for Bureau of Land Management administered Public forests.

Having spent many years hiking the Rogue River its apparent to me the value of the watershed will be lost. This would affect the quality of water for salmon and other wildlife.

The Zane Grey area includes several important cold water streams.

The Kelsey is of utmost importance. This huge area feeds the Rogue River ice cold water. I can't even begin to think of the damage the loss of this one water source alone would do to salmon. Mule Creek (both forks) are major concerns to the quality of water for salmon and the quality of the river.

Other creeks such as whisky, Bronco, Quail, Bunker, Meadow, Blossom & Paradise.. Not to mention the major streams on the south side of the river are also vital.

I have spent time hiking during the driest months of the year.

I cannot envision the river without this important watershed.

Having driven many times along the upper parts of these watershed areas, it is obvious that B.L.M. has already pushed the forest decimation far more than it should have.

Clear cutting is very short term and only serves mill owners and timber companies - will we ever allow the old growth to reach four to six hundred years of age again?

The B.L.M. Cannot eliminate protection for old-growth forest, with out undermining the Northwest forest Plan and protections for threatened and endangered species and clean water. To do so the B.L.M. violates the endangered species and clean water acts.

How can we let this happen?
Please do your part to prevent this

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